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Case celebrates progress since inaugural colloquium

One year ago, Case Western Reserve University celebrated the inauguration of President Edward M. Hundert. As part of that city- and university-wide celebration, Hundert and Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell co-hosted "Great Universities & Their Cities," an unprecedented, daylong colloquium designed to drive understanding of the enormous benefits that can result from strong partnerships between universities and the cities that house them.

Following the colloquium, Case decided to concentrate on several areas where it could combine its resources with those of community partners to make a true impact: technology transfer and economic development; Healthy Cleveland, with an emphasis on school-based health programs; cultural and artistic development; and neighborhood revitalization, including housing, K-12 education, human resource development and race relations.

Significant progress has been made in several areas since the colloquium:

Healthy Cleveland

- The academic medical center Case has established this year is one of the region's great assets. No other city the size of Cleveland has one major research university that has forged long-term partnerships with all of its primary health providers.
- The Case Research Institute, which the university operates in partnership with University Hospitals of Cleveland, is now located in the new Wolstein Research Building, which was dedicated in October 2003.
- Case's new medical school dean, Ralph Horwitz, brought a vision of thinking across the spectrum from basic to population science, and he is deeply committed to the social contract of academic medicine
- The new Center for Health, Science and Society, directed by Case's former medical school dean, Nathan Berger, was created as a vehicle for the university to help the city and its residents shape components of their health care delivery system through outreach and education.
- The center is integral to a new partnership involving the School of Medicine, University Hospitals, the YWCA of Greater Cleveland and the Music and Performing Arts group at Trinity Cathedral that is creating a family-based substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention program.

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photo by Susan Griffith

Literary giant

Kurt Vonnegut (right), one of the most sought after speakers by Case Western Reserve University's College Scholars Program, addressed a sold-out crowd at Severance Hall. The 81-year-old American literary giant peppered his talk with wit, political jabs and social commentaries from his many works. Later, the College Scholars had the opportunity to share dinner and talk with the writer (top center) about his career and what inspires his writing.

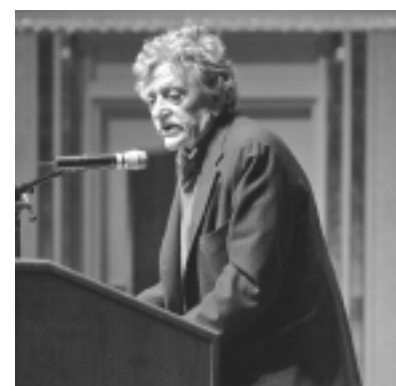


photo by Mike Sands

Readers ask for Campus News to take new shape

You asked for it. You got it.

Case Western Reserve University faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends said they want more timely campus news but are already overwhelmed by e-mail messages, so University Marketing and Communications is transforming its weekly print newspaper and e-mail newsletter—called Campus News—into a daily, online news center.

The Web site at <http://www.case.edu/news> is the place to find the latest on cutting-edge research and visionary developments at the university—everything members of the Case community need to stay in touch and up to date with the world's most powerful learning environment.

About 400 faculty, staff, students and alumni responded to a reader-survey last fall and said they use the online version of the publication as much if not more often than the print version. And they like the online version because it is more timely, more in-depth and more convenient for those overburdened with paperwork and e-mail.

The new online news center will be accompanied by a monthly—rather than weekly—e-mail delivering insight into all the exciting transformations taking place at Case.

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college of Arts and Sciences

Week to feature medical humanities

A number of events will explore the ways humanistic disciplines shed light on the practice of medicine as the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities in the Case Western Reserve University College of Arts and Sciences hosts Humanities Week, from March 22 through March 28.

"Medicine and the Humanities" is the theme for this year's Humanities Week—an annual event initiated by the Baker-Nord Center in 1997 to celebrate and promote the humanistic disciplines on the Case campus: classics; English, history, philosophy, modern languages and literature, religion, music, art history and art and theater.

The keynote lecture for the week will be given by Baroness Mary Warnock at 3:30 p.m. March 26 in Strosacker Auditorium. Warnock, one of the world's most influential scholars in reproductive ethics, will discuss "Moral Issues in Assisted Conception."

Also during the week, a public exhibit—"Perceptual Anatomy: Visual Communications Past and Present"—will be on display at the Allen Memorial Medical Library. The exhibit will feature historical artworks from the College's Dittrick Medical History Center and Museum and current works by students, faculty and alumni at the Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA) medical illustration department.

The exhibit is co-curated by Jim Edmonson, chief curator at the Dittrick, and David Aldrich, chair of medical illustration and dean of the design environment at CIA.

- Other events include:
- "Who We Are: Illness and Other Dangers to Everyday Moral Experience" by Arthur Kleinman, Esther and Sidney Rabb Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University, at 4:30 p.m. March 22 in Strosacker Auditorium.
 - "I Am A Little World Made Cunningly: An Actor's Journey in the World of Cancer, John Donne, and Case" presentation by Catherine Albers, associate professor of theater arts at Case,

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University secretary moonlights on nationally ranked synchronized ice dancing team

Two or three days a week during the winter months, Lynne Ford walks out the doors of Case Western Reserve University's Adelbert Hall and puts on her dancing shoes—ice dancing that is.

Ford, who is secretary of the university, spends several months a year competing on a nationally ranked synchronized ice skating team called the Cleveland Edges.

The 12-member team performs meticulously choreographed pieces—on blades on ice—in local, regional and national competitions.

For the past two seasons they were invited to participate in the highest level of competition—the World Competition in France—as a result of their overall performance record. Unfortunately, they could not attend because

they received little notice, and the competition took place during the week before Christmas. Ford said to be invited at all is an honor in which the team can take great pride.

Ford currently participates at the master's level in the sport she describes as "a dance review on ice." The master's level requires that the majority of team members be 35 years or older and allows 25 percent of the team's skaters to fall within the 25- to 34-year-



Lynne Ford

old range.

In the team's first year skating at the master's level, they placed second in the nation.

Ford's team competes from December through March. They travel mostly to the Detroit and Chicago areas, but the sport does not limit itself to cold climates. The national tournament this year takes place in San Diego, and large clubs exist in sunny spots like Florida and Texas.

Twice a week, the Edges, coached by Jeff Marshall, hold one-hour practices on the ice at the Iceland U.S.A. facility in North Olmstead, Ohio. As the season progresses, they hold a third off-ice practice to work on footwork, relative position, head-turning and other movements that need to occur in unison.

Ford said she first began ice skating as a girl in Montreal, where "you get skates with your first pair of shoes." Although she watched skating in the Olympics, it was the social aspects that peaked her interest.

"It was more my local friends who said, 'It's a great activity, wouldn't you like to come and join it?'" she recalled.

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Calendar

The deadline for submissions to each issue of Campus News is 10 days prior to the publication date. Please check the deadline schedule at <http://www.case.edu/pubs/cnews/0304pubs.htm>.

Submit your items to the University and Campus News calendars online at <http://www.case.edu/CWRUEvents/>, or submit items only for the Campus News calendar to Maria Wolf via e-mail at mew15, via voice at 368-4440 or in person or via campus mail to 14 Adelbert Hall LC: 7017.

Lectures



Thursday, February 12 . . . Frontiers of Astronomy: "Magnificent Mars." Ken Crowell. On clear evenings, the Museum's Ralph Mueller Observatory will be open after the lecture. Murch Auditorium, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 8 p.m. Contact: 231-1177.

Friday, February 13 . . . Raymond F. Boyer Lecture Series in Macromolecular Science and Engineering: "Perfluorocyclobutyl (PFCB) Polymer Technologies for High Performance Integrated Optics." Dennis W. Smith, Jr. 108 Clapp Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, February 16 . . . IGERT Neuromechanics Special Lecture: "How to Code Odors: from biology to artificial olfaction." John Kauer. 312 DeGrace Hall, 12:30 p.m. Contact: alan.pollack@case.edu, 368-3591.

Tuesday, February 17 . . . Frederick K. Cox International Law Center Lecture on Global Legal Reform: "Accountability for State Crimes: The Past Twenty Years and the Next Twenty Years." Aryeh Neier. One hour of CLE credit available. Reception following lecture. A59 Moot Court Room, School of Law, 4:45 p.m. <http://www.law.case.edu/>. Contact: lavalumini@case.edu, 368-3308.

Tuesday, February 17 . . . Susie Gharib Distinguished Lectureship in Journalism "Making It Matter: Writing With and About Passion." Susan Orlean. 206 Clark Hall, noon. <http://www.cwru.edu/arts/ghariblectures/>. Contact: frederica.ward@case.edu, 368-2340.



Seminars, meetings & conferences

Thursday, February 12 . . . Chemistry Colloquium: "Synthetic Glycoconjugates and the Innate and Adaptive Immune System." Geert-Jan Boons. Refreshments, 4:15 p.m., Clapp Hall balcony. 108 Clapp Hall, 4:30 p.m. <http://www.case.edu/artsci/chem>. Contact: patricia.eland@case.edu, 368-3622.

Thursday, February 12 . . . Women's Creative Writing Group. 303 Thwing Center, 7-8:30 p.m. <http://www.case.edu/provost/centerforwomen/>. Contact: ginnette.boyarka@case.edu, 368-0985.

Thursday, February 12 . . . Biology Seminar: "Recent Developments of Oil Palm Molecular Biology in Malaysia." Tan Siang Hee. 312 DeGrace Hall, 4:15 p.m. Contact: bethany.pope@case.edu, 368-3557.

Tuesday, February 17 . . . Tech Transfer Inventors Forum-Part 4. Presenters: Joseph Nadeau and representatives from Calfee, Halter. A discussion of licensing technology out of the university from both the legal and university perspective. 105 Biomedical Research Building, 9-11 a.m., 368-6837.

Tuesday, February 17 . . . Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Research Symposium. Reception to follow from 5-6 p.m. Ballroom, Thwing Center, 1-5 p.m. http://mael.case.edu/nano_symposium/.

Wednesday, February 18 . . . Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations Research Seminar Series: "Are Civil Society and private government the Same Thing?" Stuart Mendel. Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences room 112, noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is available for a modest

donation. Contact: Caroline Saslaw, 368-1687.

Wednesday, February 18 . . . Center for Women: Multicultural Series. "Handling Insensitive Remarks." Parlor, Guilford Hall, 6 p.m. <http://www.case.edu/provost/centerforwomen>. Contact: ginnette.boyarka@case.edu, 368-0985.

Wednesday, February 18 . . . Neurosciences Seminar: "Remaking Connections: Sprouting and Regeneration of Sensory Afferents." George Smith. E609 School of Medicine, noon. <http://neurowww.cwru.edu/>. Contact: gina.ventre@case.edu.

Thursday, February 19 . . . Center for Women: Act III Round Table. Discussion group for women in or nearing retirement 303 Thwing Center, 4 p.m. <http://www.case.edu/provost/centerforwomen/>. Contact: ginnette.boyarka@case.edu, 368-0985.

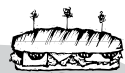
Thursday, February 19 . . . Chemistry Colloquium: "How the Protein Environment Determines Fluorescence." Patrick Callis. Refreshments, 4:15 p.m., Clapp Hall balcony. 108 Clapp Hall, 4:30 p.m. <http://www.case.edu/artsci/chem>. Contact: patricia.eland@case.edu, 368-3622.

Thursday, February 19 . . . Center for RNA Molecular Biology Seminar: "Molecular Recognition of Substrates by and RNA Enzyme." Cheng-Ming Chiang. W428 School of Medicine, noon.

Thursday, February 19 . . . Neurosciences Faculty Candidate Seminar: "Axon Regeneration in Adult Mammalian CNS: Nogo, NgR, and Beyond." Binhai Zheng. E609 School of Medicine, noon. <http://neurowww.cwru.edu/>. Contact: gina.ventre@case.edu.

Friday, February 20 . . . Raymond F. Boyer Lecture Series in Macromolecular Science and Engineering: "Nanoparticles and Polymer Materials for Interfacial Chemistry and Encapsulation." Todd Emrick. 108 Clapp Hall, 3 p.m. Contact: macro@case.edu.

Lunchtime meetings



Thursday, February 12 . . . African American Faculty and Staff Organization (AAFSO), Monthly Meeting 353 Adelbert Hall, noon. Contact: bonnie.copes@case.edu, 368-2215.

Tuesday, February 17 . . . Center for Women: "Whale Rider." Film showing followed by discussion. Pizza, popcorn, and soda provided. 309 Thwing Center, noon. <http://www.case.edu/provost/centerforwomen/>. Contact: ginnette.boyarka@case.edu, 368-0985.

Thursday, February 19 . . . Staff Development Seminar: "Using Reiki." Marty Artzberger. Brown bag lunch. 13 Crawford Hall, noon. Contact: tina.jurcsin@case.edu, 368-2834.

Thursday, February 19 . . . Information Technology Services Architecture: Open Forum. Presenter: Jeff Gumpf. 13 Crawford Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, February 20 . . . Public Affairs Forum: "The Education Funding Crisis." Chris Sheridan. Beverages and cookies provided. 14 Crawford Hall, noon. <http://www.case.edu/artsci/cps/PADG.htm>. Contact: jeffrey.bendix@case.edu, 368-6070.



Sports

For schedule changes and contest results visit: <http://www.case.edu/orgs/varsity/varsity.html>.

Thursday through Saturday, February 12 through 14 . . . Swimming: UAA Championships @ Emory, TBA

Friday, February 13 . . . Basketball vs. Washington University, Women's 6 p.m.; Men's 8 p.m.; Indoor Track @ Oberlin College Invitational, 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 14 . . . Wrestling: Case Quad (RIT, W&J, Heidelberg), noon.

Sunday, February 15 . . . Basketball vs. University of Chicago, Men's 1 p.m.; Women's 3 p.m.

Friday, February 20 . . . Basketball @ University of Rochester, Women's, 6 p.m.; Men's 8 p.m.; Indoor Track @ Greater Cleveland Championships, (Baldwin Wallace College), 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 21 . . . Wrestling vs. Baldwin Wallace College, 1 p.m.; Swimming Veale Invitational, TBA

Sunday, February 22 . . . Basketball @ Carnegie Mellon University, Men's 1 p.m., Women's 3 p.m.



Computer classes

Registration and up to date class information for classes listed below is available online at <http://kslearn.cwru.edu>. If you encounter technical problems or error messages with the process call 368-2991. All classes are held at 215 Kelvin Smith Library unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, February 12 . . . Industry Information Online, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., LL06.

Friday, February 13 . . . Government Documents, 9-10 a.m., LL06.

Monday, February 16 . . . Introduction to HTML: Basic Code. 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17 . . . Adobe Acrobat 6. 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18 . . . Copyrights at Case. 11 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, February 19 . . . Finding Research Articles Online. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Dissertation defenses

Thursday, February 12 . . . "Integrin Expression and Fibronectin Matrix Assembly During In Vitro Chondrogenesis." Douglas E. Pennington, anatomy. Adviser: Brian Johnstone. 10th Floor Conference Room, Biomedical Research Building, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 18 . . . "The Perception of Emotions in Multimedia: An Empirical Test of Three Models of Conformance and Contest." Kritsachai Somsaman, information systems. Adviser: Fred Callopy. 106 Peter B. Lewis Building, 12:30 p.m.

Friday, February 20 . . . "The Epidemiologic Analysis of Lymphatic Filariasis Control." Daniel James Tisch, epidemiology and biostatistics. Adviser: James Kazura. WG73 School of Medicine, 10 a.m.



Theater/dance

February 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 . . . "Constellations," by Deborah DeGeorge. Winner of the 2003 Marc A. Klein Playwriting Award. Tickets: \$10, adults 60+ and University faculty/staff \$7, students with ID \$5. Eldred Theater, 8 p.m. February 15 and 22 at 2:30 p.m. <http://www.case.edu/artsci/thr>.



Concerts

Saturday, February 14 . . . Cleveland Institute of Music: Gala Alumni Recital featuring Judith Ingolsson, violin and Ronald Sat, piano. Works by Schubert, Elgar, Ravel, Isaye, and Sarasate. Kulas Hall, Cleveland Institute of Music, 8 p.m. <http://www.cim.edu>. Contact: 368-5000.

Sunday, February 15 . . . Cleveland Institute of Music: Carolyn Gadiel Warner and Friends. Works by Shumann, Brahms, Milhaud, and Bartok. Kulas Hall, Cleveland Institute of Music, 7 p.m. <http://www.cim.edu>. Contact: 368-5000.

Wednesday, February 18 . . . CIM Faculty Recital: Joshua Smith, flute and Kathryn Brown, piano. Works by Bartok, Schubert, Bennett and Faure Cleveland Institute of Music, 8 p.m. <http://cim.edu>. Contact: 368-5000.

Sunday, February 22 . . . Case Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble and Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony I. Tickets: \$6. Kulas Hall, Cleveland Institute of Music, 6 p.m.



Exhibits

Now through February 15 . . . An exhibition of works by local professional artists organized by Art on Wheels Inc. will be on display at the Mandel School.



Film

Adults \$3, children 12 and under \$2, 10-film pass \$25, semester pass \$50. For more information visit: <http://www.films.case.edu>. Contact: Case Film Society, 368-2463.

Friday, February 13 . . . "Freddy vs. Jason." Strosacker Auditorium, 7, 9:30 p.m. and midnight.

Saturday, February 14 . . . "Bringing Up Baby." Strosacker Auditorium, 7, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, February 20 . . . "Kill Bill: Vol. 1." Strosacker Auditorium, 7, 9:30 p.m. and midnight.

Saturday, February 21 . . . "Seven Samurai." Strosacker Auditorium, 7 p.m.



Deadlines

Wednesday, February 18 . . . Month-end payroll cutoff. 10 a.m.

March 12 . . . Nominations for the President's Award for Distinguished Service. <http://www.case.edu/president/sac/sac.html>.



Other events

Friday, February 20 . . . Second Annual Black History Month Program: "United We Stand: Where There's Unity, There's Strength." Varied performances and a feature presentation by Bishop Douglas H. Taylor. Refreshments will be served. Ballroom, Thwing Center, noon. Contact: bonnie.copes@case.edu, 368-2215.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 25, 26 and 27 . . . TIAA-CREF Individual Retirement Counseling Sessions. Reservations required. 209 Crawford Hall, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact: Kay Fulk or Alisia Powell, 1-877-209-3138.

Tuesdays . . . Alcohol in the Family: A Counseling Group for Members of the Case Community. Center for Collegiate Behavioral Health, corner of Adelbert Road and Circle Drive, 4 p.m. Contact: joy.willmott@case.edu, 368-5876 or 368-2510.

Thursdays . . . Supplemental Retirement Plan C Seminar. 209 Crawford Hall, 10 a.m. <http://www.case.edu/finadmin/humres/benefits/PlanC.html>.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Series to spotlight women

Jann Pasler, this year's Flora Stone Mather Visiting Professor in the department of music, is a writer, producer of documentary films and researcher of musicology.

She will discuss her research in the first talk in the returning Spotlight on Case Women lecture series that features the contributions in research and scholarship that women at Case Western Reserve University are making. Pasler will speak at noon February 26 in the Guilford House first-floor lounge.

Since 1981, Pasler has been a professor at the University of California at San Diego. At Case, she has been teaching courses on women in music and gender and music.

Among Pasler's works are "Debussy, Stravinsky and the Ballets Russes: The Emergence of a New Musical Logic," which was the topic of her doctorate dissertation from the University of Chicago in 1981. She is the editor of "Confronting Stravinsky: Man, Musician and Modernist" and "Useful Music, of Why Music Mattered in the Third Republic France."

She has produced the films, "Taksu: Music in the Life of Bali" and "The Great Ceremony to Straighten the World." Both have earned numerous awards.

Her lecture is sponsored by the Case Center for Women.

For additional information, contact the center at 368-0985.

Employees, students take court

Case Western Reserve University's Second Annual faculty/staff vs. students basketball game, a fund-raiser for the National Youth Sports Program directed by Dennis Harris from the Case physical education and athletics department, will take place at 5:30 p.m. February 20 in Horsburgh (Emerson) Gym.

Halftime entertainment will include shooting contests to raise money and concessions sponsored by student organizations.

The event is sponsored by the university's Share the Vision committee with support from the Interfraternity Congress, the undergraduate class officers and Case Staff Advisory Council.

Admission is \$1.

Go to <http://ess.case.edu/vision> for details.

Lecture slated on Islamic history

The Women Historians of Greater Cleveland will present a lecture by Indira Falk Gesink, assistant professor of Middle Eastern history at Baldwin-Wallace College, on "19th Century Islamic Legal Reform and the Rise of Islamic Militancy."

The lecture is at 4:30 p.m. in the Baker-Nord Center in Clark Hall (Room 206).

Gesink will challenge the view portrayed by the American media that Islamic militancy is a consequence of a stagnant law more suitable to 7th century Arabia than to 20th

century global society. She will explore how Islamic legal tradition includes mechanisms for adapting to social change and how a revival of these mechanisms during the 19th century has produced militancy in the 20th century.

For information, contact Virginia Dawsom at 216-421-9622.

Hovorka prize candidates needed

Nominations for the Case Western Reserve University Frank and Dorothy Humel Hovorka Prize, which recognizes exceptional achievement by an active or emeritus member of the faculty, are due March 18.

Case annually awards the Frank and Dorothy Humel Hovorka Prize to recognize a faculty member whose exceptional achievements in teaching, research and scholarly service have benefited the community, the nation and the world. The honor, which is conferred at the university's annual commencement convocation, includes a monetary award of \$5,000.

A committee chaired by the provost will recommend a recipient from nominations submitted by members of the university community.

Any member of the university community may submit one or more nomination letters not to exceed two pages in length. Additional letters of support are not necessary. Mail nomination letters to the attention of Mary Ann Pelot, The Hovorka Prize Committee, c/o Office of the President and the Provost, Adelbert Hall (7001).

Club to discuss next selection

The Case Western Reserve University Center for Women Book Club's next selection will be dramatized on stage April 28 through May 29 as part of the Great Lakes Theater Festival Series in partnership with the Cleveland Public Theatre.

The club will discuss "Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich March 3, "Woman of the Silk: A Novel" by Gail Tsukiyama April 7 and "Guns of August" by Barbara Tuchman May 5.

All three meetings are from noon to 1 p.m. in room 720 of Crawford Hall.

To learn more, contact Rosemary Alexander at 216-368-2008 or rosemary.alexander@case.edu.

Public meeting to take place

Now that work has started on Case Western Reserve University's North Residential Village, questions or concerns directly related to the construction should be directed to Whiting-Turner Bradley Construction, 1691 East 118th Street, 216-229-0629.

A public meeting to update the community on the project is expected to take place in March. Details are forthcoming.

For more information, contact Carmella Gambatese, 216-368-3909 or carmella.gambatese@case.edu, or go to <http://housing.case.edu/construction/default.html>.

Case historian chronicles rise of American celebrity

by Susan Griffith
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Today's celebrities expect a following of paparazzi recording every facet of their lives, but Adah Isaacs Menken—the poet and legendary star of the 1860's stage who almost bared it for all—was one of the first to manipulate newspaper reports and photographs to create a public persona.

Case Western Reserve University historian Renee Sentilles explains in her recent book "Performing Menken: Adah Isaacs Menken and the Birth of the American Celebrity" (Cambridge University Press,

2003) how Menken found the media of her day could create and likewise destroy the celebrity.

The Case assistant professor of history aptly named her book because Menken "performed" different revisions of herself—including performing on stage nearly naked—to elicit particular responses. Today's American studies scholars find a maze of public and private identities in search of the real Menken.

Sentilles searched public, church, census and other records in Louisiana and other places of Menken's past to discover that

there was something true in most of her assumed identities.

She found in letters to Menken's friends and associates over the year and in news clips that Menken was a chameleon who altered her identity to reflect current social norms, situation and locale to give her audience what they wanted.

"Her life story is as much about American culture as it is about Menken and how she was created and gave birth to the American celebrity," the historian said.

Sentilles uses the actress's life as a spyglass onto American culture in the era leading up to and following

the Civil War. She trains the lens on the actress' life as focal point to examine the theater, popular and frontier culture, sentimental and romantic literature and other facets of American life.

The historian also looks at gender roles of women of the era to discover that the Victorian women "were far more complex than most of us realize."

Gender questioning abounded during the Civil War, according to Sentilles, and Menken's cross-dressing roles upon stage "tapped into this questioning."

After a bout of scandal that

involved drinking with men in Dayton, Ohio, Menken learned early in her acting career that "she needed to get her name in the media if she wanted to get contracts and fill theaters, and there were two quick routes to fame: direct contact and scandal," according to the author.

"Scandalous publicity could make an unknown actress known," Sentilles said.

She writes in her book, "Menken became famous for being Menken. She moves through a variety of things to keep her constantly before the public eye."

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Anthropologist honored for spiritual healing studies

by Susan Griffith (susan.griffith@case.edu)

Exploring why people in Mozambique increasingly turn to church prophets for spiritual healing instead of traditional healers has earned James Pfeiffer, assistant professor of anthropology at Case Western Reserve University, the Steven Polgar Prize from Medical Anthropology Quarterly.

The Polgar Prize honors the best article that has appeared in an annual volume of the journal published by the medical anthropology section of the American Anthropological Association.

"The African Independent Church in Mozambique: Healing the Affliction of Inequality" was based on research Pfeiffer conducted while working in 1993–1995 and 1998 in the African country as county representative for the Health Alliance International, a U.S. nongovernmental organization affiliated with the University of Washington's School of Public Health.

Pfeiffer interviewed church members, pastors, prophet (church) healers and traditional healers in the city of Chimoio in central Mozambique about this move away from traditional practices to seeking help from an increasing number of Pentecostal-like churches. He also collected oral illness narratives and conversion stories from church members to understand this change.

His research from the 1990s became the foundation for a two-year, National Science Foundation-funded project to conduct an in-depth study of more than 600 people about whether the phenomenal increase in indigenous African-Christian churches with their prophet healers is related to social inequalities resulting from the "traumatic economic transformation" in Mozambique.

His findings from additional six-week field trips to Mozambique in 2000, 2002 and 2003 will appear in future articles accepted for publication in the journals, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, Human Organization and Culture, Medicine and Psychology.

school of Medicine

Researchers call for improved consent for children in cancer studies

A study at six of the nation's leading children's hospitals has concluded that physicians should do a better job in communicating with parents before a child with cancer enrolls in a randomized clinical trial.

"Our findings demonstrate that common strategies to explain the concept of randomization to patient families are not effective," said Eric Kodish, lead author of the study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Kodish is a pediatric oncologist

and director of the Rainbow Center for Pediatric Ethics at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland and professor of pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

As part of the study, researchers observed and audiotaped the informed consent conferences involving 137 families at six medical centers for more than two years. The patients were children, all newly diagnosed with acute leukemia.

Childhood cancer treatment

commonly involves the option of participation in clinical trials, which have revolutionized pediatric cancer treatment and significantly improved outcomes. In fact, the authors note that: "Thousands of children with cancer have been enrolled in randomized clinical trials over the past 40 years. The cure of childhood leukemia, one of the great success stories of modern medicine, has been a direct result of these trials."

Their most important findings:

- There were no significant

differences observed in how randomization was explained to parents of racial minority, and yet only 27 percent of minority parents understood the concept compared to 69 percent of non-minority parents.

- Parents with less education and lower socioeconomic status were much less likely to understand randomization.
- The presence of a nurse at the conference was associated with improved understanding.
- The longer the conference, the

better the understanding (the mean conference duration in cases demonstrating parental understanding was 83 minutes, compared with 74 minutes in cases without parental understanding).

- Parents who read the informed consent document thoroughly were more likely to understand randomization.

With these important revelations, the researchers are now conducting a new study to explore the impact of various interventions.

New company joins strategic partners

Barco Inc., an industry leader in computer graphics projection, is the latest major technology vendor to sign on to Case's Strategic Technology Partnership.

Through the Strategic Technology Partnership Program, which is administered by Case's Office of Information Technology Services, the university develops partnerships with hardware, software, telecommunications and other technology vendors who enable Case to negotiate business contracts for these items and share the reduced costs and improved efficiency with technology affiliates. Case and its affiliates are all part of the university's Strategic Partnerships and Alliances program.

As part of the partnership program, Barco products will be installed in campus classrooms for the use and benefit of Case faculty and students. Over the past 12 months, the university has purchased several Barco IQ G300 projectors in classrooms around campus as part of the Technology Enhanced Classroom (TEC) initiative. Additional projectors/systems are being installed or will be installed throughout the rest of the academic year.

ITS adds spam filtering software to its list of services

Case Western Reserve University's Office of Information Technology Services is in the process of installing an e-mail virus and spam filtering system designed to provide campus users with a reprieve from the disruptive programs.

The new filtering system, produced by Mirapoint, will automatically delete any piece of e-mail containing a virus before it ever reaches someone's mailbox. On-campus users with a Case e-mail address will receive this protective service without any downloads. But ITS still emphasizes the importance of Case e-mail address holders continuing to use Norton Anti-Virus software provided by the university's software center and downloading Windows upgrades, which often contain virus patches, even after the filter is up and running.

For more on anti-virus and spam protection software, contact the ITS Help Desk at 368-HELP.



photo by Mike Sands

Check this out

Case Western Reserve University President Edward M. Hundert and members of the university's Staff Advisory Council present a check for \$6,000 to representatives from Shoes and Clothes for Kids, a nonprofit group that clothes Cleveland area children and families in need. SAC raised the money, which the university matched, during the council's annual basket raffle. Pictured are (front row left to right) Rhonda Puelles; Hundert; Executive Director of Shoes and Clothes for Kids Valerie McCormack, Judith Olson-Fallon and (back row left to right) Jackie Chisholm, Joanne DiCarlo, Sabira Mustaquim, Janice Eastman Williams, Suzanne Leach and Michelle Saafir.

Nominees sought for Wittke, Jackson awards

If you think a Case Western Reserve University undergraduate teacher has done an outstanding job in the classroom this year or a faculty or staff member has shown exceptional mentoring abilities, now is the time to nominate them for the Carl F. Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching or the J. Bruce Jackson, M.D., Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring.

The winners of these awards will be honored during commencement in May.

This year's winner of the Jackson Award will be its second honoree. Jackson, a 1952 Adelbert College alumnus, established the mentoring award last year in honor of Dean Carl F. Wittke, who had served as his own adviser, mentor and friend while Jackson was an undergraduate at Western Reserve University.

Wittke is a former faculty member, dean and vice president of Western Reserve University.

Jackson first encountered Wittke when the Adelbert College student employment center sent him to do gardening work in the dean's yard.

Jackson said that Wittke saw how well he could make things grow and felt the chemistry major would make an excellent medical doctor.

Wittke took a special interest in Jackson's academic career and told the student, who was struggling with his grades, that he might consider changing from chemistry to pre-med—although Jackson said he questioned whether he would ever get into medical school, because at the time, students needed a 3.0 grade point average even to receive an application.

"I was a small fish in a big ocean," said Jackson, who was from New Philadelphia, Ohio, and struggled at first to adapt to the life on the Cleveland campus.

Wittke helped him keep on his educa-

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SCOREBOARD

Women's Basketball

January 30:
Brandeis 68, Case 69
February 1:
NYU 88, Case 79

Men's Basketball

January 30:
Case 71, Brandeis 68
February 1:
NYU 80, Case 63

Wrestling

UAA Championships
January 31:
Chicago 24, Case 14
Case 34, NYU 15

Men's Swimming

January 31:
Case 127, Wittenberg 100

Women's Swimming

January 31:
Wittenberg 157, Case 84

Men's Indoor Track

Spartan Invite

January 31:
Finished 2nd out of 5

Women's Indoor Track

Spartan Invite

January 31:
Finished 1st out of 6

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Kendig to defend national championship

by Creg Jantz (creg.jantz@case.edu)

Going into last year's NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships, it never crossed Case Western Reserve University senior swimmer Alicia Kendig's mind that she might actually win a national title.

"I think I went in at fourth or fifth (seed in the finals) that night," said Kendig, who competed in the 500-yard freestyle. "At the 350 (yard) mark I wondered where everyone was. I was looking around and thought maybe something happened. It kind of all blurred together."

Something did happen. Kendig became the first Case swimmer since 1992 to become a national champion by winning the race with a time of 4:58.18. She almost made it two titles when she finished second in the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:02.50) two days later.

"It was really exciting," Kendig said. "I went over on my cell phone bill. My parents called my brother, and he called everybody and then everybody called me."

In addition to the big phone bill, Kendig got a medal—and the pressure of being on top. If she won the 500 last year, she definitely should win it again this year and finish first at every meet along the way. Right?

Right or wrong Kendig, who lives in Lancaster, Pa., stayed in Cleveland this past summer and trained hard in order to defend her title.

"I dedicated the summer to swimming," Kendig said. "After the win, I decided that I have one more year, I have been swimming for 18 years, so why not drop everything and go for it. If I didn't do that, then I would have

thought how good could I have been and how much more could I have done?"

Kendig didn't spend the whole summer swimming—at least not entirely. The nutrition major who will graduate from Case in May worked part-time at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital helping with a research project.

The study, a joint one between Case and Rainbow, looks at the eating habits and dietary patterns of normal children as well ones with chronic diseases, like Phenylyketonuria (PKU) and type 1 diabetes. She also started a second study on youth suffering from type 2 diabetes and obesity. Kendig looked not only at how children eat, but also how their parents and siblings influence their diet.

"It's really exciting," she said. "I went to clinics and interviewed kids and their parents. It was an eye-opener meeting teen-age boys with diabetes who are going through growth phases and can't eat whatever they want."

Kendig will enter a five-semester masters program in public health with a concentration in maternal and infant nutrition this fall at Case. She is ultimately interested in becoming a pediatric clinical dietitian.

But for the time being, Kendig plans on putting the four basic food groups on hold while she defends her national championship. The three-time All-American has not lost a 500- or 1,650-freestyle race this year and has already qualified for the national championships (NCAA Division III) this March (11-13).

In Memoriam:

Boyd worked as Case telephone operator

Cecelia (Patrick) Boyd, who worked as a telephone operator at Case Western Reserve University for many years, died December 22. She was 56.

In addition to her position at Case, Boyd worked with the youth department at Greater Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland, where she was a member.

Colloquium

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Research/Technology Transfer:

- The first annual Research ShowCASE, a trade show focusing on tomorrow's research held in April 2003, had 621 exhibits spotlighting the innovation and creativity taking place on campus and at partner institutions and served as a means for stimulating interdisciplinary collaboration.
- This year's Research ShowCASE is scheduled for April 2.
- Invention disclosures at Case rose from 60 in fiscal year 2001 to 102 in 2003.
- Licensing fees went from \$2 million to nearly \$10 million.
- Case launched its first start-up company, International Imaging Inc. or I-Cubed.

Toward the Future

- Case also is aggressively partnering with institutions in other areas: University Circle institutions, including the Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History, the Cleveland Institute of Art and Cleveland Institute of Music; the Cleveland Municipal School District; and the Cleveland Play House.
- Case created the new Center for Community Partnerships to facilitate interaction with many community groups
- Case also is collaborating with the Cleveland schools and the Greater Cleveland Growth Association on hosting the national Vice Presidential Debate in October 2004.

Ice dancing

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Ford considered skating only as recreation until reading a newspaper article 16 years ago about a group forming a team of competitive synchronized skaters. It was a few years later before friend and fellow Case employee Karen Hendershott joined that team and recruited Ford.

Though Ford has skated her whole life, she insists that no

experience is necessary to get involved in synchronized skating. She said her team members are open to training interested people all the time.

"There is no doubt about the fact that competing and doing well is really a lot of fun, but I don't think it is the main aspect for our group—or most groups," she said. "It is the feeling of being on a team

and accomplishing. The feelings of loyalty are strong. My teammates are my buddies."

Ford also said she enjoys being on her tightly knit team because they share equally in both successes and failures. She describes "the strong spirit with our group" as one of its greatest assets.

"You always hear horror stories of teams that argue and blame each other," Ford said, "but our group has been good at celebrating the successes and joining in mistakes."

And that bond does not break after a skater retires from the team—be it to have children or because they no longer feel as though they can be competitive.

"We do stay in touch because that is a friendship that you have shared the down-and-out hard stuff with," she said.

In addition to the camaraderie, Ford said she loves that competitive ice dancing allows her the opportunity to meet people from other parts of the country.

"They'll talk about how their team is doing, or we talk about what we do off the ice," she said. "It's always amazing to see how many different walks of life people come from who get into this sport."

Ford also praises the physical—and emotional—benefits of synchronized ice skating.

"It is a really great way to relax and to concentrate on something other than the stresses or concerns of everyday life," Ford said. "Concentrating, working on something like this is a really freeing kind of activity."

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Nominations

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tional track—even reprimanding Jackson if he felt that things like his fraternity's pranks against the Mather women might be interfering with his classroom achievements.

"I was able to pull my grades up," said the doctor, who graduated from the Ohio State University medical school.

Over the years, Jackson didn't forget his mentor and contributed to the Wittke Award fund until his contributions enabled the establish-

ment of the new mentoring award.

He added that many times the recipients of education do not give enough credit to their educational sources. He is "delighted" with the new mentoring award that recognizes those who are helping others achieve their dreams and goals.

The Wittke Award, established in 1971, recognizes outstanding excellence in undergraduate teaching during the current

academic year. Two current or emeritus members of the faculty with regular teaching appointments are selected as recipients of the honor.

Nominees of both awards will be invited to a reception, hosted by President Edward M. Hundert, at Harcourt House on April 7.

Nominations are due March 19. For additional information or a nomination form, visit <http://ess.case.edu/wittke/htm>.